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To date, no preparations have been made for a rapid reconstruction of bridges over the Oder, Neisse, Elbe, and Saale Rivers. Before the GDR was granted nominal sovereignty by the USSR, bridge construction material was stored at the important Elbe bridge near Tangermuende, and the Oder bridge near Frankfurt. This bridge material was not designed to be used in the event of war but in peacetime emergencies, such as floods etc. Recently, this material has been used so that at present, no reserve bridge construction material is available at GDR bridge sites.

Comment. It was reported previously that GDR authorities had not made any preparations for the rapid reconstruction of river bridges destroyed in the event a future war, nor has reserve bridge construction material been observed at bridge sites in East Germany. The present report appears to confirm this.

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